

A LECTURE BY A CHINAMAN.

**YAN PHON LEE TALKS BRIGHTLY OF
THE CUSTOMS OF HIS RACE.**

Every seat was occupied in Association Hall last night by the audience assembled to hear Mr. Yan Phon Lee lecture on the manners and customs of China. Mr. Lee is the young Chinaman who was recently graduated from Yale, and more lately married a belle of New Haven. He is short in stature, slightly built and wears spectacles. For an hour and a half

he talked last night, always entertainingly and with but slight peculiarity of accent. His delivery is good, and he is by no means a stranger to the American style of humor.

The hall was darkened throughout the lecture on account of the stereopticon illustrations. The lecturer could hardly see his audience, but frequent applause and laughter greeted him out of the darkness. He began with referring to the false ideas about China prevalent in the minds of Europeans and Americans. In explaining a picture of a shop in China Mr. Lee said that "the names of the Chinese characters on the above mentioned

Chinese generally put on their shop windows in this country are not proper names, but trade mottoes, such as Wah Lee, which means 'Harmony and Profit,' Wun Lung, which denotes 'Prosperity and Success,' and has nothing to do with consumption. My own name means 'Wealth by Imperial Favor,' and was bestowed upon me by my grandfather, whose hopes of a glorious career for me have been sadly disappointed. A man gets a name when

Houses in China, he said, are generally small, and poorly built. The only structures allowed to be made of stone are the palaces of the Emperor, pagodas, and pawnshops. There is a widespread aversion to the building of palaces for foreigners. The people believe that the walls will turn to dust, and the bones of their ancestors, to which they pay religious reverence. The Government hesitates to build a wall, and the people will not build where their opinion is so firmly rooted. Besides, the roads, like those operated by the Chinese, are so filthy that no one would like to sit on them. The Government has no reasons, though, with the natural disinclination to put such power into the hands of foreigners, to build a wall. The Government has been so hard to procure concessions from the Chinese Government.

The Chinese are not by nature exclusive, the American Consul said. A wall was built to protect the country from invasions of its enemies. Russia has her eye on the northern part of the country, and the British have their eye on the whole country. For every dollar spent by the English in missionary work in

"Courtship is an American undertaking," he said, "and it is not so in China. In China the Chinese proves that cases of romantic love do occur. There is even a charm to cure a girl's love. It is a small bottle of water, and when the maiden he loves is procured and boiled in water, the decoction is given to her. It is a sure cure and a very simple one. In desperate cases, a girl's marry at from 16 years old to 20. In China no girl is so homely but that she can find a man still fonder to marry her. The parents of the girl are consulted, and the parents makes the mother-in-law malady hereditary and constitutional. Among Anglo-Americans, the girl is consulted, and the mother-in-law is made hereditary and constitutional. Among Anglo-Americans, the girl is consulted, and the mother-in-law is made hereditary and constitutional."

The description of the process of preparing tea, with sturdy men tramping down the leaves and the women rolling them, is very interesting by the illustrations, as was also the account of the various religious and funeral rites in the different classes of society.

A Mutual Medical Aid Association.

A number of charitable persons on the west side, most of whom belong to the churches of the Rev. Dr. MacArthur and the Rev. Dr. Lloyd, have arranged to establish dispensaries in the poor quarters of the city. The name of the organization is to be the Mutual Medical Aid Association, and at its dispensaries physicians will be on duty every day, except on Sundays. Members of the association will pay 50 cents down and 10 cents a week, entitling them to all the medical services that may be required.

and their families. This also includes medicines. Persons who go to the office will be notified by the committee. The money carried out by their plans has been subscribed, and their first dispensary of the association will be located at the corner of 10th and 11th streets. It will be followed by similar ones on the east and west sides of the city, to the number of thirty-five in all.

A Knights Templar Banquet.

The one hundredth monthly meeting of the Mutual Knights Templar Benefit Association of New York was celebrated last evening by a banquet at the Ashland House. During the past six months the association has paid to the widows and families of deceased members \$1,000, and the association has received \$26,000, and there is now \$650 in the treasury. Among those present at the dinner were Em. Sir John H. Nichols, Ass. Sir George F. McGuire, First district of New York; Gd. Em. Sir J. Martin Layman, Em. Sir Charles Lansing, James G. Smith, John H. Woods, Sir Joseph A. Smith, Jr., H. Nichols, Ass. Sir George F. McGuire, Frank Goodwin, W. L. Chester, J. O. Far-

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Ninth Avenue Bank Affairs.
Wm. H. Bollamy, President of the Ninth Avenue Bank, and John H. V. Arnold, the counsel, have gone to Albany at the summons of the Banking Department. It is said that some of the wealthy directors of the bank stand ready to take up the cash to keep the bank open, but security for loans, in case such action is rendered necessary by the decision of the Bank Superintendent.

Superintendent Priest Dying.
UTICA, Dec. 2.—Gen. Z. C. Priest, the veteran Superintendent of the New York Central Railroad, is no better this evening, his symptoms being complicated with heart trouble. It is probable, however, that he will live through the night.

BROOKLYN.
Foreman Samuel Duff of Engine 3 has been appointed District Engineer.

The Rev. W. T. Moore, editor of the *London Christian* has received a call to the pastorate of the Church of the Holy Spirit, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. J. T. Tyler.

At the annual meeting of the trustees as the officers of the reorganized North Atlantic Club, President, Foster L. Backus; Vice President, S. C. Edwards; Captain, W. M. Robertson; Lieutenant, J. W. Moore.

The flourishing Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church is to have a new and imposing edifice in Tompkins Avenue, New York City, in the near future. Since the Rev. Dr. Meredith began his pastorate a few years ago, the church has been steadily increasing in membership and more spacious building is required. The present church will be used as a Sunday school room as soon as the new building is completed.

A young man attracted a big crowd yesterday afternoon by wildly exclaiming on the roof of the Merchants' Hotel, "The world is on fire!" The crowd of information trickled through the crowd that it was a mistake, and the young man was taken to the police room after he had been a few minutes in escape, rose to his feet and said, "The world is on fire!" and the light of the spectators. Then he treated everybody with a

Two judgments have been obtained by default in the Superior Court. Josephina Tietchell of 1854 Pacific street, the female addressee, first was obtained by Marcus Hinding for the full sum of \$200.00. He alleged that Mrs. Tietchell, while he was in the city, had appropriated the stock of the West Virginia Improvement Company of the face value of \$100 a share, and that she has appropriated the stock to the latter judgment was obtained by the West Virginia Improvement Company for \$200.00 in a similar transaction.

stabbing his wife Mary, the woman besought the Justice to let him go, and made her poorly-clad little ones kneel on the floor and beg for their father's release. Moved by their appeals the Justice recalled Oleman, and on his solemn promise to do better for his wife and little ones discharged him. "What could I do?" said the Justice afterward. "I wish there were some punishment for such fellows other than sending them to prison, for while they are there their fam-